

**Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Wednesday, October 22, 2008 – Room 101, Town Hall**

Chair Doug Moore called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Members present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Peg Brown, Mike Chambers; Dave Hull, Vice Chair; Rick Lefferts, Treasurer; Bob Moore; Doug Moore, Chair; Robert Horn who will be the representative of the Capital Planning Committee

Members absent:

There is currently no representative from the Planning Board

Also in attendance: Proponents of CPC applications: Carolyn Britt, Sally Bubier

The minutes from the 10/8/2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

• NEW PROPOSALS – proponent's input

ROCK WALL on Main Street – Carolyn Britt

With the other improvements in the downtown area completed it seems like a good time to do the work on the town wall. An additional \$500 would be added to the cost of the re-pointing estimate to include a drain from the water fountain. Since the Town does not officially have an easement for the land on which it built the wall, this aspect will need to be cleared up before proceeding. At this point there is no recommendation about which level of repair to pursue.

HISTORICAL MURAL – Sally Bubier, resident

It is Sally's belief that a historical mural would come under the category of historic preservation since it would portray the history and heritage of the Town of Maynard. A room in the Town Hall was being considered as well as a wall in the library. Several outdoor options were also discussed. If it is an outdoor mural there is a concern about graffiti and increased cost. There would need to be a legal restriction to guarantee that the mural would be a permanent fixture if the building were sold. The Historical Commission is supportive of the proposal.

• STATUS OF EXISTING PROJECTS—

Coolidge School Study – interim invoice was approved for payment.

Irrigation at Crowe Park –

Mike reported that the contract was not awarded to an irrigation company but a concrete and sidewalk company and the pipes are not to industry standards for athletic fields but for

residential properties. Several irregularities and “not-up-to-code” specifications were also detected.

The CPC and Town Meeting approved funding for a high quality system but the Town decided to go with a lower bid. There is major concern about the durability of the system and its interference with other maintenance at the field.

Irrigation at Alumni Field –

This bid was awarded to the same company as Crowe Field. The only thing begun was the tie-in and there appear to be problems already.

Veteran’s Memorial – The contract for the repairs has been received and filed.

• FINANCIAL ISSUES –

A system will need to be worked out with the Town Treasurer to enable the CPC to have a record of how much money is paid out for each project. The CPC will need to know the balances in each of the fund categories.

New State Match amounts –

Instead of 100%, all CPA communities received a first round match of 67.62% for this year’s distribution.

This is the first year that the CPA trust is no longer able to sustain the 100% match, due to the popularity of the program and declining real estate activity. DOR estimated that the first round match would fall to 35% in October of 2009.

Mass Procurement Laws & CPC –

Apparently once the funds are approved at Town Meeting, the CPC has no further control of the funds. There may be some wording that can be put in the Article to give the CPC some measure of oversight or control to insure that the project is completed according to the proposal that was approved by the CPC.

• REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR 2008-2009

Sally Bubier, Selectman, expressed some concern about the lines of communication between the BOS and the CPC. It was decided that the clerk would email the approved minutes of the CPC meetings to the BOS through Becky Mosca.

Sally also invited CPC members to attend a general planning meeting on Nov. 13, 6:30 at the library. This meeting would include various town boards and will help to set priorities for the town.

Proposal #REC008-09 Pedestrian Walkways

BOS can understand that it makes sense to wait until future projects develop.

Proposal #HR009-09 Replacement of Waltham St Bridge Lighting

The CPC expects to receive a final application for funding for this project.

Proposal #HR008-09 Historic Marker at Marble Farm

Peg Brown has passed this proposal along to the Boy Scouts for possible Eagle Scout projects.

Proposal #REC009-09 Fowler Irrigation

The CPC expects to receive a final application for funding for this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 Rm. 101 Town Hall.

Open Meeting scheduled for this Nov. 12 meeting will be postponed until Dec. 10th.